



Public Service Commission

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DATE: June 17, 1996
TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
FROM: ROB VANDIVER, GENERAL COUNSEL *RV*
RICHARD TUDOR, DIVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS *RNT*
RE: STATE IMPLEMENTATION OF SECTION 271 OF THE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996

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Section 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, P.L. 104-104, provides for Bell Operating Company (BOC) entry into in-region interLATA services. Pursuant to subsection (d)(3), the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has 90 days to approve or deny the application for in-region interLATA services. Prior to making the decision, the FCC is required to "consult" with the Florida Public Service Commission (FPSC) to "verify the compliance of the BOC" with the requirements of subsection 271(c). Subsection 271(d)(2)(B).

The ninety day time limit on the FCC decision dictates that whatever input the FPSC wishes to have on the decision must take place within the ninety day period. Because the FPSC will need to make factual findings upon BellSouth's compliance with the 14-point checklist contained in subsection 271(c), the FPSC must hold a hearing pursuant to Chapter 120, Florida Statutes. The FPSC hearing and decision must be submitted to the FCC prior to the FCC's final decision making. The existence of the federal statutory deadline mandates that the Section 120.57 hearing process will be on a very accelerated time line.

Due to the importance of this determination, we would like to convene an informal meeting of interested parties to agree on a procedural schedule to deal with this issue. We will take whatever schedule is agreed upon to the Prehearing Officer. We would also like to discuss the possibility of stipulating any issues and other matters to streamline the process. A tentative agenda for the meeting on June 27, 1996, is attached.

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cc: Chairman Clark
Commissioner Deason
Commissioner Johnson
Commissioner Kiesling
Commissioner Garcia
Bill Talbott
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**AGENDA FOR MEETING ON IMPLEMENTATION OF
SECTION 271, TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996**

DATE AND TIME: JUNE 27, 1996, 9:30 a.m.

LOCATION: ROOM 152, EASLEY BUILDING, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

- I. Introduction
 - A. Rob Vandiver
 - B. Richard Tudor
- II. Presentation of Parties
 - A. BellSouth
 - B. IXCs
 - C. Other Interested Parties
- III. Time Schedule Discussion
 - A. Date of Opening Docket
 - B. Date of Petition
 - C. Final Order Date
 - D. Prefiled Testimony
 - E. Discovery
 - F. Post-Hearing Process
 - G. Development of Model CASR
- IV. Substantive Stipulations
 - A. Are any of the 14 points subject to stipulation?
 - B. Should the FPSC record include the FCC record?
 - C. Should any other time saving steps be taken?
- V. Other Issues
- VI. Adjourn